

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO TAKE AIM AT "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" LAW AT HERITAGE FOUNDATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

(Washington, D.C.) -- Arizona schools chief Tom Horne will deliver his blunt criticism of the current No Child Left Behind law (NCLB) at a meeting of the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Horne is a champion of the basic tenets of NCLB: rigorous standards assessment and accountability, but he is a staunch critic of how the law is currently written and its irrational implementation by the U.S. Department of Education. Horne will call for a return of education policymaking decisions to the states, as envisioned by the framers of the U.S. Constitution.

In addition, on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) annual Legislative Conference, Horne will be the lead facilitator on a discussion for how schools and districts best incorporate English Language Learners into accountability systems in order to ensure students' academic progress.

WHO: ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO ADDRESS

**HERITAGE FOUNDATION** 

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007

TIME: 1:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

WHERE: HERITAGE FOUNDATION

LEHRMAN AUDITORIUM

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Editor's note: All events can be viewed live at heritage.org